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The Great American Smokeout



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 16 million Americans are living with a disease caused by use of tobacco products.

While any day is a good day to quit, November 21, the third Thursday of the month, is designated as the Great American Smokeout. If you, or a loved one has decided to quit, or is contemplating doing so, the following free resources are available



The 2018 Federal Benefits Open Season is here! it's the perfect time to enroll in a FEDVIP dental and/or vision plan with 10 dental and four vision carriers to choose from. You can enroll anytime between November 12-midnight (ET) December 10. Learn more, just copy and paste the following link into your browser: <https://bit.ly/2PYtUHZ>

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER 3rd QUARTER CY-2018



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Must shift focus from workload to readiness

By Lisa Simunaci
Army Materiel Command Public Affairs

Decisions that determine workload at the Army's manufacturing arsenals, maintenance depots and ammunition plants are hinging on a new focus: Army readiness, quality people and quality products.

"This is a paradigm shift – the trajectory is changing," said Army Materiel Command's Gen. Gus Perna in a Sept. 28 meeting that included arsenal, depot and plant commanders, as well as their higher headquarters' general officers.



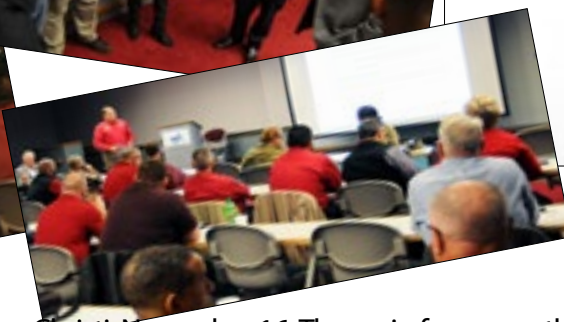
AAAA hosts 14th Luther G. Jones Forum

By Quentin Johnson
CCAD Public Affairs

Amidst the cooling weather by the bay, the Army Aviation Association of America hosted the 14th Luther G. Jones Army Aviation Depot Forum at the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, Corpus Christi, October 24-25, 2018.

Hundreds of aviation professionals, national and local officials, military members, industry leaders, retirees and enthusiasts, were on hand to network, and enhance awareness and efficiencies in the field of Army Aviation and maintenance.

Campaign Plan Workshop



CCAD leaders took part in a Campaign Plan Workshop in Corpus Christi, November 16. The main focus was the "Workforce to the Warfighter" concept. To help encourage leaders to tap into their thinking and behavioral preferences to better lead their teams, they participated in an Emergenetics course, which is a simpler, easier way to understand people. Scott Miller, a professor with the Defense Acquisition University, was instructor for the course. Jeff Fluegge, Director of Resource Management, discussed Human Capital Management as it applies to the future of information, digital technology and facility modernization. COL Atkins touched on applying everything they learned to the CCAD 2025 outlook by introducing some design theory and troop leading procedures.

CCAD welcomes new SGM to depot, community



Story by Quentin Johnson
Photos by Ervey Martinez

With a round of applause from almost 200 attendees, Army Sgt. Maj. Patricia Wahl assumed responsibility as the sergeant major, Corpus Christi Army Depot, during a change of responsibility ceremony on November 6, 2018.

Wahl's previous assignment was as the sergeant major of Military Assistance Program and Security Co-operations, U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan, and hails from Clarksville, Tennessee.

As with tradition, the ceremony symbolized the seamless transition of leadership from one non-commissioned officer to another, who upholds the mantle of responsibility to train and teach members of the Depot, ensuring Army ethics are upheld while assisting the chain of command in caring for all Depot employees, said Col. Gail Atkins, commander, CCAD.

"(A sergeant major) gains the pulse of the organization in order to provide sage advice to the commander to ensure readiness," said Atkins.

For 28 months, Sgt. Maj. Louis Felicioni, outgoing depot sergeant major, has filled that role as a quiet professional whose composure and personal value has resonated throughout CCAD's workforce.

"(Felicioni) built trust across the depot's vast partners, to include the community and civilian leadership, the original equipment manufacturers to the members and leadership in our unions," said Atkins.



That trust built fond memories of the depot for Felicioni, who remarked on his extensive time at CCAD, what he learned, and the friendships he forged.

"This has been truly a great opportunity to see and learn about the Army's industrial base," said Felicioni. "I have been fortunate enough to work with two very talented commanders, two exceptional deputies, and a talented chief of staff."

Felicioni's largest thanks went to the employees, or artisans, and Soldiers who make up the CCAD workforce.

"The artisans and our Soldiers are greater than any group of people I have ever met," he added.

That greatness is seen in the artisan's work and their understanding of the CCAD mission – to support the warfighter, said Felicioni. It truly is a team effort with many talented professionals.

Wahl said she comes to CCAD with an understanding of team work and professionalism, as her career has been centered on aviation mechanics and repair. Most importantly, she is proud to have been chosen for her current assignment.

"I can mark today as the highlight of my career; to be selected as the depot sergeant major is such a huge honor," said Wahl. "I am humbled to be a part of the CCAD team."



Atkins was also excited about Wahl's arrival to CCAD, remarking on her presence as ensuring continuity and a state of readiness and purpose for the depot.

"Wahl brings spirit, energy and focus to our depot... we are very grateful to welcome her to our team," said Atkins.

Atkins praised Felicioni for serving the last of this 31-year military career with the depot, and left him with some final words of thanks.

"(Felicioni) you will leave a legacy of leadership and dedication that will impact this organization's readiness for years to come," said Atkins. "Thank you for your dedicated service as our sergeant major."

Felicioni is scheduled to retire in the New Year. He and his wife, Sun, plan to stay in the Corpus Christi area.



Inside the Depot



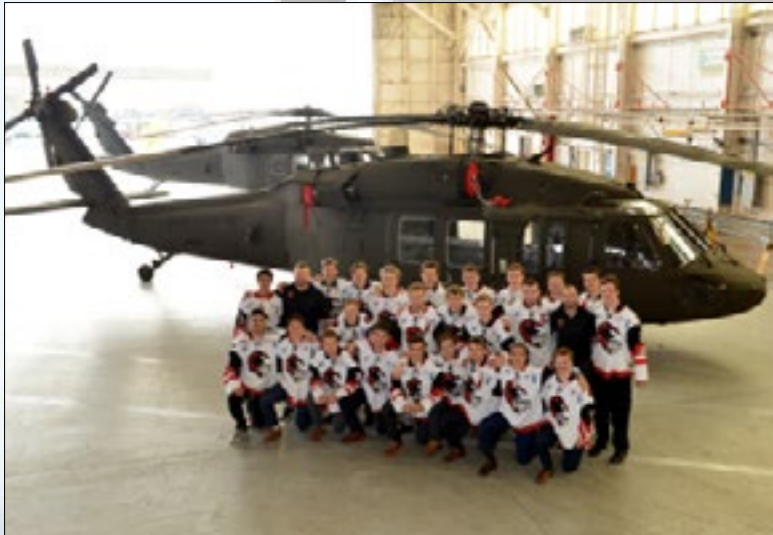
Workforce votes in record numbers

In what turned out to be a historic general election, CCAD employees also came out in record numbers to exercise their right to vote. Nearly one-third of the workforce took the time to vote electronically for their choices in various city, county, state, national races and also to determine the outcome of bond issues that affect the residents of the Corpus Christi metropolitan area. CCAD was chosen to be a temporary mobile early voting location to allow tenants and others with qualified access to NASCC to vote.



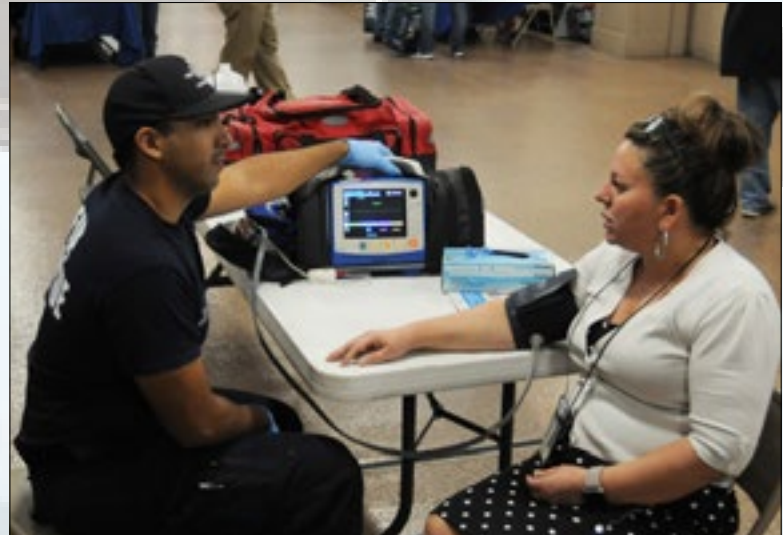
USS Lexington Museum volunteers visit Depot

Volunteers from the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay had an opportunity to tour CCAD and get an up close look at daily operations. Volunteers included former service members and former depot employees. Mark Wagner, Deputy to the CO, and Ram Trevino, process improvement specialist, led the tour, informing the group about CCAD's current capabilities, the workforce and Lean Six Sigma projects. One volunteer, who was an employee when the Depot was the Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center (ARADMAC), said he was very impressed with the changes, technology and multiple helicopters CCAD maintains.



Corpus Christi IceRays Hockey team visits Depot

CCAD had a great time hosting the Corpus Christi IceRays today. This local favorite is an exceptional hockey team, who had an opportunity to experience live Depot operations, view aircraft, but most importantly, shake hands with the workforce. Along the way, IceRays players handed out ticket vouchers for their 11th Annual Stars & Stripes Night game.



2018 Federal Employees Health Benefits

The 2018 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Fair was a great success. Multiple representatives were on hand, including Humana, ASAP, CPAC, MHBP, and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Each provided valuable information on health education and resources. The NASCC Fire Department was also in attendance providing free blood pressure checks. They would even let you put out a simulated fire!

Photos by Kiana Allen & Ervey Martinez

Supporting the Community



Corpus Christi Mayor's Interagency Breakfast

NASCC hosted November's Mayor's Interagency Meeting. City officials and base representatives were on hand to discuss current events. CCAD Deputy to the Commander, Mark Wagner, represented CCAD, highlighting our workforce and the Warfighter, community partnerships, and future training on composites, robotics and business intelligence. Garry Bradford with the South Texas Military Facilities Task Force spoke about the value of military bases on the Texas economy. Leaders also discussed how funding towards local colleges and universities can impact the educational curriculum to better prepare our future workforce.



Job Fairs

From Del Mar College to the American Bank Center to Orange Grove, the CCAD brand was promoted to hundreds of prospective employees during job fairs in November. CCAD has many exciting roles to fill. Want to apply or know someone who is looking? Copy and past the link: www.usajobs.gov and enter keywords – U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for information on upcoming job fairs. Thanks to all our staff members who took time to run our booths!



'Dropping the puck' - COL Atkins at the IceRays

COL Gail Atkins, CCAD Commander, took part in the ceremonial "dropping of the puck" to kick off the Corpus Christi IceRays 11th Annual Stars & Stripes Night Hockey game! The game honors area members of the military and first responders. The IceRays had an opportunity to tour CCAD earlier in the week and were very impressed with our artisan's work. Thank you IceRays for the support of our military and the community.



Bells of Peace - WWI Remembrance

CCAD's own, SGM Patricia Wahl, represented CCAD at this year's Bells of Peace WWI Remembrance 100 Years at the Seaside Memorial Park. The ceremonial ringing of the bells is an opportunity for everyone to pause and remember the sacrifices to those who served in the Great War. Keynote speaker was Texas' own State Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa. Thank you to all who serve and served our country.

Pilot for a Day



October

October marked one year of CCAD participation in the national Pilot for a Day program organized by the Navy's VT-35 Stingrays. NASCC rolls out the red carpet for patients like 7-year-old Adam Hinojosa and his family. Part of the CCAD experience includes climbing aboard a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter with an Army helicopter test pilot. The full day tour of the installation is an opportunity to escape the daily struggles of a chronic, debilitating or life threatening disease. The honorary pilot receives a goody bag of items to remember his adventure at CCAD.



November

The November Pilot for a Day program organized by the Navy's VT-35 Stingrays welcomed brothers, 5-year-old Cruz and 9-year-old Diego Adame, and their family to CCAD. The brothers experienced climbing aboard a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. The full day tour of the installation is an opportunity to escape the daily struggles of a chronic, debilitating or life threatening disease. The honorary pilots received chocolate cake from the Navy and a goody bag of items from CCAD to remember their adventure.



U.S. Marine Corps Brithday Ceremony

A very celebratory Happy Birthday to our fellow service, the U.S. Marine Corps. Leaders, artisans and Marines (once a Marine, always a Marine) gathered together to celebrate the Corps' 243rd Birthday, which began as the Continental Marines in 1775. Since then, Marines have fought and won whenever and wherever our nation has called them to be. Although battlefields and tactics continue to change, it's the individual Marine's grit, tenacity and fighting spirit that leads them to victory. Guest speaker for the ceremony was Col. Bret Ritterby, commanding officer of MATSG-22. Semper Fidelis!

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Supporting our Schools



Kolda Elementary Red Ribbon Week Rally

Colonel Gail Atkins, CCAD Commander, led the Kolda Cadets in song, dance and cheer to celebrate the Red Ribbon Week Rally on the campus. The colonel encouraged the students to be smart, special, important and unique. She stressed the importance of being united as one team against drugs and bullying. It was also "Crazy Socks Day," and the student wearing the USA socks rocked the schoolhouse as the favorite with our nation's colors!



Kolda Elementary Reading Buddies Group

It's been one year since the CCAD Partnership with Zachary Kolda Elementary School was entered into. In that time, volunteers from CCAD have participated in events each month. During the October Reading Buddies visit 1st grade students were eager to question Depot employees about their occupations. Directorates represented this month included Accessories and Rotor Blade, Environmental Compliance, Military Police and the CCAD Retired Ladies Group.



T.G. Allen Elementary Red Ribbon Week

Representatives of the CCAD Army Substance Abuse Program were on hand at T.G. Allen Elementary School during Red Ribbon Week to hand out red CCAD beanies to the students. The guest speaker at the event was Major Yadira Rodriguez of the CCAD Occupational Health Clinic, who encouraged the students to be smart about their life choices. Emphasizing that they should practice the Red Ribbon pledge every single day and not just for a week. She also reminded them of the importance of respect towards others and the dangers of bullying.



State of the District Luncheon

CCAD Army helicopter test pilot CW3 Kylene Lewis and students from our partnership school, Zachary Kolda Elementary, led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge at the CCISD State of the District Luncheon at the American Bank Center. The annual update from Superintendent Dr. Roland Hernandez focused on the future of the district schools in regards to technology, science, and math.

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